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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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NORTH DAKOTA

(North Dakota) 900 homes in western ND, eastern Montana lose natural gas in cold spell. Montana-Dakota Utilities experienced a natural gas outage in Golden Valley County in North Dakota and Wibaux County in Montana, according to the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services.

<http://www.inforum.com/news/3645028-900-homes-western-nd-eastern-montana-lose-natural-gas-cold-spell>

(North Dakota) First flu death of season in North Dakota confirmed.

State officials are reporting North Dakota's first confirmed flu death of the season. State epidemiologist Jill Baber said the victim was a woman 65 or older who lived in the northeast part of the state.

<http://www.inforum.com/news/3648025-first-flu-death-season-north-dakota-confirmed>

(North Dakota) Oil storage tanks in North Dakota catch fire; no injuries.

Authorities are investigating after more than 1,600 barrels of crude oil caught fire south of Williston January 1 while trucks were delivering oil. No injuries were reported and fire crews intended to let the crude burn off completely before allowing the fire to die out.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/01/02/us-enbridge-inc-fire-idUSKBN0KB00B20150102>

REGIONAL

(Minnesota) Furnace malfunction causes damage at Hibbing foundry. Production at the Northern Foundry in Hibbing was suspended until further notice after a furnace failed causing a fire at the facility December 28 that left an estimated \$100,000 in damages. The cause of the malfunction is being investigated.

<http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/news/iron-range/3643578-furnace-malfunction-causes-damage-hibbing-foundry>

(Minnesota) At least 30 people sick after norovirus outbreak at Tycoons. The Minnesota Department of Health is investigating a foodborne norovirus outbreak linked to Tycoons restaurant in Duluth after at least 30 patrons were sickened after eating at the business December 5.

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<http://www.northlandsnewscenter.com/news/local/30-people-sick-after-norovirus-outbreak-at-Tycoons-287156651.html>

NATIONAL

(National) CDC: Flu at epidemic level; 15 children dead this season. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced December 30 that the U.S. officially surpassed the epidemic threshold for the flu virus for the season after a total of 15 children died due to the virus which was declared widespread among 36 States. <http://www.cnn.com/2014/12/31/health/flu-epidemic/index.html>

INTERNATIONAL

(International) Majority of 4G USB modems, SIM cards exploitable. Positive Technologies' researchers found that 4G USB modems contain exploitable vulnerabilities which could allow attackers to gain full control of the machines to which the devices are connected to, including SIM cards via SMS over 4G networks. The vulnerabilities could also allow access to subscriber accounts on relevant carrier portals, and the impact of attack methods include smartphones, industrial control systems (ICS), and supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) machines. <http://threatpost.com/majority-of-4g-usb-modems-sim-cards-exploitable/110139>

(International) Number of botnet control servers increased in 2014 – report. Spamhaus released a report December 31 claiming that the number of IP addresses that have served at some point during 2014 as command and control (C&C) servers increased 7.88 percent to 7,182 addresses compared to 525 in 2013. The report also found that the Zeus banking trojan was the most common type of malware followed by Citadel. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Number-of-Botnet-Control-Servers-Increased-in-2014-Report-468721.shtml>

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

Nothing Significant to Report

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CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

(National) Chick-fil-A says customer data may have been cracked. Chick-fil-A officials reported that the company is working with law enforcement, IT security firms, and payment industry companies to investigate a potential breach at some of the company's restaurants that may have compromised an unspecified number of consumers' payment card information.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/chick-fil-a-says-customer-data-may-have-been-cracked/>

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

(National) VW recalls about 38K cars due to fuel leak. The Volkswagen Group of America issued a recall for approximately 38,000 vehicles covering model years 2014 to 2015 of the Volkswagen Beetle, Jetta, and Passat, and 2015 models of the Golf and GTI due to a fuel leak in the engine that may cause a fire.

<http://www.clarionledger.com/story/money/business/2014/12/31/vw-recalls-cars-due-fuel-leak/21138129/>

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

EMERGENCY SERVICES

(California) One arrested in ambush attack on two LAPD officers in south Los Angeles; second gunman sought. Police took one suspect into custody after two individuals opened fire on two Los Angeles Police Department officers while they were in a patrol car in Los Angeles December 28. The second suspect remains on

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the loose while no injuries were reported following an exchange of gunfire between the officers and the suspects. <http://ktla.com/2014/12/29/manhunt-underway-after-2-lapd-officers-ambushed-shot-at-in-south-la/>

(Pennsylvania) Man tries to run down police; they shoot, kill him. Police shot and killed a man who had posted a video on social media threatening to kill police and FBI agents after he attempted to use his car to run down officers seeking to arrest him December 30 in Upper Darby. Police ordered the man out of his vehicle and opened fire when the suspect appeared to be accelerating in their direction. <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/man-tries-to-run-down-police-they-shoot-kill-him/ar-BBhmObQ>

ENERGY

(Kentucky) TVA decides not to retire two units at Ky. coal-fired plant. The Tennessee Valley Authority announced its decision December 30 to install additional air pollution controls at Shawnee Fossil Plant in Kentucky instead of retiring two units as part of an agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The installations will reduce nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide emissions and must be completed by December 2017. <http://www.wbir.com/story/money/companies/2014/12/30/tva-decides-not-to-retire-two-units-at-ky-coal-fired-plant/21047579/>

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(National) 3 Texas firms, including H-E-B, recall over 320,000 lbs. of meat. Texas-based food producers, J&B Sausage Co., H-E-B Meat Center, and Garcia Foods, Inc., recalled more than 320,000 pounds of combined meat products due to undeclared peanuts caused by misbranding. Four of the affected products were sold in H-E-B stores and also sent to the Garland Independent School District in Texas. <http://www.wfaa.com/story/news/local/2014/12/28/garland-isd-received-food-being-recalled-by-dallas-company/20987209/>

(Missouri) Grain bin explosion called 'suspicious'. A December 26 explosion at a grain bin in Livingston County knocked the bin off its foundation and scattered debris within a 200 yard radius. Authorities ruled the cause of the explosion as suspicious and stated that preliminary investigations revealed illegal activity may

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be to blame.

http://www.newspressnow.com/news/local_news/article_6246b186-1d08-5d41-bde8-5bedf34522c6.html

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(California) Pasadena ex-employee suspected of stealing \$6M in city funds; scandal larger than previous case. A former management analyst at the Pasadena Department of Public Works and two others were arrested December 30 and charged in connection to using a city hall fund to embezzle \$6.4 million in taxpayer dollars over a decade. The former city worker allegedly wrote nearly 300 fraudulent invoices to the city on behalf of 4 fake vendors, causing the city to issue 189 checks from one of its accounts.

<http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/general-news/20141230/pasadena-ex-employee-suspected-of-stealing-6m-in-city-funds-scandal-larger-than-bell-case>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(Georgia) Georgia Tech student indicted for UGA website hack. A Georgia Tech student turned himself into authorities December 23 after being charged for allegedly hacking into the University of Georgia's computer network to post a message regarding an annual rivalry football game in November. The calendar post was taken down about an hour after it appeared on the site.

<http://onlineathens.com/sports/college-sports/2014-12-30/georgia-tech-student-indicted-uga-website-hack>

(International) Want to have your server pwned? Easy: Run PHP. A researcher with Google discovered that more than 78 percent of all PHP installations were running with at least one known vulnerability after correlating statistics from a Web survey site that lists known vulnerabilities in various versions of PHP. The latest releases of PHP 5.4, 5.5, and 5.6 were all believed to be secure.

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/12/31/want_to_have_your_server_pwned_easy_run_php/

PUBLIC HEALTH

(International) CDC update: 32 Listeria illnesses in 11 States, 2 in Canada linked to caramel apples. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released an updated report December 31 regarding a Listeria outbreak linked to caramel apples stating that the 32 illnesses were reported in 11 states, including 31 hospitalizations and 6 deaths that the CDC confirmed were contributed to by Listeriosis. The Public Health Agency of Canada has identified 2 cases of Listeriosis in Canada that displayed similar patterns seen in the U.S. outbreak.

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2014/12/cdc-update-32-listeria-illnesses-in-11-states-2-in-canada-linked-to-caramel-apples/>

TRANSPORTATION

Nothing Significant to Report

WATER AND DAMS

Nothing Significant to Report

NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center:** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio:** 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI):** 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst:** 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI:** 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI:** 701-232-7241.

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